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Dear Mr. McClanahan:

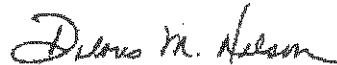
This is in response to your 12 November 2009 letter received in the office of the Information and Privacy Coordinator on 26 January 2010, appealing our 3 November 2009 response to your 8 October 2009 Freedom of Information Act request for copies of **“all Central Intelligence Agency (‘CIA’) records, including cross-references, from the time period 1975-1999, pertaining to:**

- a) **Testimony by CIA officials delivered verbally or submitted in writing to Congressional Committees or Subcommittees with oversight over national security activities (hereinafter ‘national security oversight committees’), including *but not limited to* the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence (‘HPSCI’), the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence (‘SSCI’), and the former CIA Oversight Subcommittees of the Senate and House Armed Services and Appropriations Committees;**
- b) **Transcripts of hearings and meetings of any national security oversight committees, including but not limited to the HPSCI or SSCI; and**
- c) **Correspondence and emails between CIA and i) any national security oversight committee or ii) any Member of Congress, Senator, or Congressional staffer acting in an official capacity as representative of any national security oversight committee. For purposes of this subparagraph you may limit your searches to the Offices of the Director, Deputy Director, Congressional Affairs, General Counsel, Inspector General, and their predecessors.”**

As explained in a phone conversation on 29 January 2010 by a member of my staff, no appeal rights were provided; therefore, we are unable to accept your appeal. For your information, Agency regulations addressing appeal rights are located in subparts 1900.42(a) and 1900.13(c) of title 32 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

With regard to Items a and c of your request, as previously responded to in our 3 November 2009, because of the breadth and lack of specificity of your request, and the way in which our records systems are configured, the Agency cannot conduct a reasonable search for information responsive to your request. We encourage you to refine the scope of your request (such as including narrower time frames, and narrower, more specific descriptions of, the information you seek, such as identifying the specific committees or members of Congress) to enable us to conduct a reasonable search for responsive information. With regard to Item b, the Agency does not maintain transcripts of Congressional hearings.

Sincerely,



Delores M. Nelson
Information and Privacy Coordinator